

REMARKS

The Applicants have amended Claim 1 in accordance with informal discussions with the Examiner such that Claim 1 now recites that the steps include measuring concentrations of κ -opioid peptides and μ -opioid peptides in serum and calculating the ratio of the concentrations of μ -opioid peptides to the concentration of κ -opioid peptides. Allowance of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 has been cancelled in view of the amendments to Claim 1.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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